

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-17 are pending in the present application, Claims 16-17 having been amended, and Claims 14 and 15 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 16-17 are amended as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added and that no new search is required.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 16 and 17 were objected to; Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101; Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph; and Claims 16 and 17 were allowed.

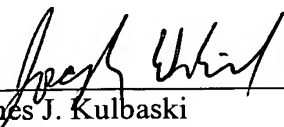
Claims 16 and 17 are amended as suggested in the outstanding Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 16 and 17 be withdrawn.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 16 and 17. In light of this indication, Claims 14 and 15 are canceled.

As no other issues remain outstanding, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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